

NATIONAL FEDERATION of TEMPLE SISTERHOODS

How One Woman Overcame "Bad Market."

Now and then we read how some person attains success in spite of numerous obstacles, and thereupon we become fired with the ambition to go forth and engage in some big enterprise. Such is the effect of the success of Mrs. Helen C. Binswanger, of Spokane, Wash.

Many members of the Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood, declined to serve as Chairman of the Uniongram Committee, for the Uniongram was new in the city and therefore not well understood, and they feared that they might not be able to fill their office satisfactorily. Thereupon Mrs. Binswanger consented to fill the chairmanship of the Committee, notwithstanding the fact that she was preoccupied with many other duties as President of another Jewish woman's society. Was she discouraged with the rather gloomy outlook of her new work? Here is the answer: Mrs. Binswanger sold all the Uniongrams the Temple Emanu-El had, and then ordered more from the N. F. T. S. She has now set forth to confirm her belief that "more and more" Uniongrams can be sold in Spokane.

Notes from Baton Rouge.

A French orphan, an aged poverty-stricken woman, the Temple B'nai Israel Library, of Baton Rouge, La., and the Cemetery Fund of the Temple, all profited as a result of action taken at the last meeting of the B'nai Israel Sisterhood. The society voted to appropriate proceeds from a "Strawberry Festival," held in May, for the Library and for the Cemetery Fund. Money for the re-adoption of the orphan and the aid the needy woman were taken from the Sisterhood treasury.

Calendars Aid Religious School.

"The money from the sale of THESE CALENDARS goes to the upkeep of the Price Hill Religious School. The School is in a flourishing condition."—Except from report of Rockdale Avenue Temple Sisterhood, Cincinnati, Ohio.

"These calendars" are the art productions published yearly by the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. The Rockdale Avenue Society further reports that its supply of nearly 150 calendars last year was not equal to the demand.

If the calendar sales of the Rockdale Avenue Temple Sisterhood increases as much this year as those of other organizations have done, the Price Hill Religious School Art Calendars (for the year 1919-20; 5680), published by the N. F. T. S. have been sold out, necessitating a second edition. A great inroad has already been made into the new stock.

Religious Instruction by Mail.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Temple de Hirsch, Seattle, Wash., does not rely on the Religious School as its only means of promoting religious education among juveniles.

Propaganda work, organized and conducted by Mrs. Alfons Schwartz, is utilized to bring Judaism into the homes of the young. Through this activity letters of religious instruction are sent to children.

The school of Temple de Hirsch

Congregation has prospered under the able guidance of the Auxiliary. Even greater prosperity will result after the Auxiliary has succeeded in obtaining the co-operation of parents through the holding of frequent mothers' meetings.

Other aspects of the society's work have been carried on with equal ardor. The Auxiliary gave a "get together" supper for Temple members and their families, the purpose of which was to promote sociability; also a public welcome to the Temple's returned soldiers and sailors.

VAST JEWISH MASSES PREPARING TO GO TO PALESTINE.

In every country in Europe, in Asia, in Africa, in North and South and Central America where surveys have been made by the International Zionist Organization, the Jewish world is stirred to its uttermost depths by the desire to proceed to Palestine, at the very earliest possible moment. A statement issued by the Zionist Publicity Bureau says that in every land, in every quarter of the globe, impatient thousands, a total far above a million, are waiting with tense eagerness for the League of Nations, that will fix the political status of Palestine as the Jewish Homeland, so that they may proceed to the liquidation of their assets and proceed to the place where they may live the rest of their lives in peace, and with the spiritual satisfaction of national existence. From Russia at least a million are preparing to leave, from Poland and other countries, groups unable to restrain their impatience, have already undertaken, often on foot, the journey which at present is beset with many difficulties, and attempted to make their way to the land of Jewish heart's desire.

In the preface to a survey revealing which bear upon the settlement of Palestine, the Immigration Division of the International Zionist Organization says that "it is a literal fact that at the present moment a large part of the Jewish people is possessed with an irrepressible impulse to strike its tents and march." Emigration committees to control the human flood have been formed by the Zionist Organization in a number of countries. Tens of thousands of young men from every class—and every occupation which can be of service to the development of the country have organized agricultural training groups and other groups for the study of all technical and scientific questions

which bear upon the settlement of Palestine.

Over a Million from Russia.

Speaking of the situation in Russia, Mr. Boris Goldberg, chairman of the Zionist Organization of Great Russia and one of the delegates to the Interallied Zionist Conference held recently in London, reports that during the last 20 months, under the pressure of the social revolution as carried through by the Bolsheviks, the basis of the economic existence of the Jews has been undermined. The subsistence of 70 to 75% of the Jewish population has been destroyed. From the beginning of 1918 the wealthier classes have been leaving for the Ukraine, Lithuania and the Don District, Crimea and White Russia. But in the Fall of 1918, the domination of the Bolsheviks spread to these countries and the civil war which ensued ruined the Jewish masses. "It was only natural therefore that when the news arrived of the prospect of creating a Jewish Homeland in Palestine that there should have arisen an enormous agitation for resettlement in Palestine" says Mr. Goldberg. "Whole Jewish towns and townships began to make themselves ready to move as soon as communications should be opened. When the announcement was made that immigration would be limited to 50,000 a year, for the first period, strong protests were raised against the plan as being quite inadequate to the present needs of the people. Cooperative societies are being organized, experimental farms are being established for the training of Jewish young men, and builders, carpenters, bricklayers, joiners, locksmiths, blacksmiths, all

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